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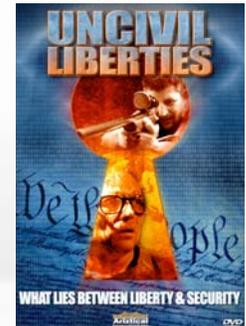
### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Local Filmmaker's Political Movie Earns National Distribution Deal and Premier at Albany Theater** *Week-long run at Madison Theater followed by national DVD release*

**Albany, NY** – UNCIVIL LIBERTIES, a political thriller by local independent filmmaker Tom Mercer, will premiere on Friday, March 9 at the Madison Theater in Albany, with showings throughout the week of March 9-15. And on April 10, the film will be released to video stores and rental houses on DVD by national distributor Ariztical Entertainment.

The film explores the future consequences of unbridled government surveillance of private individuals and is filled with ethical ambiguity. Special premier events—such as a Q&A sessions with the cast, crew, and director and panel discussions about homeland security and civil liberties—will be held during the week-long run at the theater.

“We could not have picked a more stimulating political film to kick-off our new division: Interesting Films Different Perspectives,” said William Barrantes, VP of Acquisitions, Ariztical Entertainment. “UNCIVIL LIBERTIES has a point of view which is important for society to be talking about these days. We anticipate the film will be very successful.”



Mercer wrote the screenplay and directed the film. He enlisted the help of local actors from the Capital Region to star in the movie, including Kevin Craig West, Penny Perkins, Mark Musto, Tom Mahon and Yvonne Perry.

“We are thrilled to welcome the movie into our theater,” said Jay Predient, manager of The Madison Theater. “I would put UNCIVIL LIBERTIES up against anything coming out of Hollywood these days.”

Mercer holds a Masters degree from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and studied Politics at Ithaca College. After a 20-year career in public service, he launched a second career in independent filmmaking and screenwriting. Mercer co-founded and led a regional chapter of the Association of Independent Video and Filmmakers (AIVF), which has grown to more than 150 members. The feature film UNCIVIL LIBERTIES is Mercer's directorial debut.

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